

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/08/05 telephonic interview.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Hameder on 03/08/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIMS:

-- 1. (Amended) A skeleton frame assembly for a tent, comprising: at least three spaced apart vertical poles cooperatively defining a shelter space thereamong, each of said vertical poles defining a first side and a second side transverse to said first side, and having opposite upper and lower ends, each of said vertical poles including at least three vertical rods comprising; a first vertical rod, a second vertical rod spaced apart from and aligned with said first vertical rod along said first side of a respective one of said vertical poles, a third vertical rod spaced apart from and aligned with said second vertical rod along said second side of the respective one of said vertical poles, and at least three elongated latticed plates, each of which interconnects an adjacent pair of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods, each of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods having a non-circular cross-section and being formed with two engaging grooves extending along a longitudinal length thereof, each of said latticed plates having opposite sides respectively engaging an adjacent pair of said engaging grooves

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in said adjacent pair of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods; at least three pole couplers mounted respectively on said upper ends of said vertical poles; at least three horizontal tie beam units, each of which has two opposite ends connected respectively to an adjacent pair of said pole couplers so as to provide stability and rigidity to said skeleton frame assembly; and a roof frame disposed over said pole couplers and said tie beam units above said shelter space.

2. (Amended) The skeleton frame assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein each of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods has opposite upper and lower ends, said upper ends of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods cooperatively defining said upper end of a respective one of said vertical poles, said lower ends of said ~~first, second and third~~ vertical rods cooperatively defining said lower end of the respective one of said vertical poles, said skeleton frame assembly further comprising three footings, which are adapted to be seated on a supporting surface, and each of which is formed with a slot that fittingly receives said lower ends of said vertical rods of a respective one of said vertical poles. - -

2. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

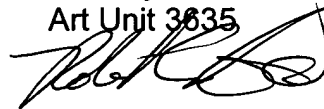
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J Canfield whose telephone number is 703-308-2482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 703-308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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